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difficult if Quai d'Orsay officials instead of Cabinet Ministers are responsible for negotiations and also if they persist in their efforts to base Treaty for European Political Community on a coalition rather than on a supranational approach.

"2. Special provisions for support costs for French forces in Germany within framework of EDC could be time-consuming negotiation. German EDC Delegation should be prevailed upon to make concrete proposals giving French forces a status for 9 months along lines of that foreseen for French in contractual agreements. An understanding on related problem of support costs for British and U.S. forces for a period of 9 months after implementation of EDC Treaty will probably also have to be reached before EDC Treaty can be ratified.

"3. German EDC Delegation should submit immediately concrete proposals to EDC Interim Committee on organization and procedures insuring efficient receipt of end-item aid destined for EDC forces of German origin from first day EDC Treaty goes into effect.

"4. Draft bilateral agreement between U.S. and EDC on end-item assistance is substantially completed. We believe it preferable to delay final agreement until we have obtained concrete proposal from EDC Interim Committee on how end-item assistance, particularly that destined for forces of German origin, is to be handled during immediate period after ratification.

"5. Understanding on conditions of protocol for U.K. association with EDC has been substantially reached but still needs to be drafted in final form. Before protocol is actually signed, we may need to take final position on question of making duration of NATO Treaty identical with that of EDC. Now that British support for immediate ratification of EDC Treaty seems firmly established, I believe it might be useful for us to explore means of bringing our combined

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